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Court Improvement Program Advisory Council March 17, 2010 Meeting Notes

Janyce Fenton from the National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections presented on Concurrent Planning. Concurrent Planning develops a network of foster parents who can work toward reunification and also serve as permanency resource families for children. It also engages families in early case planning, case reviews and further decision making about permanency options and maintains continuity in children's family, sibling and community relationships.

J.R. Hopson (AOC), Rashmi Adi-Brown (Child Welfare Consultant), Dolores Smith (AOC) gave updates on the progress of best practice/model court sites in Hardin, Daviess and Fayette counties. Fayette has been working as a pilot site since September 2008 and have several committees in place working on various issues with their ultimate goal being to reduce the time youth spend in foster care. Fayette County has an upcoming technical assistance training from the American Bar Association upcoming on May 5, 2010.

Hardin and Daviess counties have just started their pilot sites and are each planning their first core meetings and developing their multidisciplinary teams. Daviess county held their first steering committee on March 8, 2010 and Judge Patricia Walker-Fitzgerald (lead Jefferson County Model Court Judge) presented on the Resource Guidelines which is a benchbook produced by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges under which the best practices are outlined. Hardin is planning a similar session with their full teams.